

## Richard Tefank

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**From:** Richard Tefank  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:37 AM  
**To:** Eileen Decker; Shane Goldsmith; Dale Bonner; Steve Soboroff; Sandra Figueroa-Villa  
**Cc:** Michel Moore; Dominic Choi  
**Subject:** FW: We Demand Trader Joe's Rescind \$125k Donation to the Killers of Employee Mely Corado

Good Morning,

FYI, just received via email.

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**From:** White People 4 Black Lives <whitepeople4blacklives@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:34 AM  
**To:** rcamarena@traderjoes.com  
**Cc:** dbane@traderjoes.com; mnadler@traderjoes.com; kcahan@traderjoes.com; blangone@traderjoes.com; Michel Moore <23506@lapd.online>; Richard Tefank <n3025@lapd.online>; Dale Bonner <n6154@lapd.online>; sgoldsmith@libertyhill.org; mayor.helpdesk@lacity.org; mayor.garcetti@lacity.org; Mariaun Malone <N6620@lapd.online>; Shane Murphy Goldsmith <n5449@lapd.online>  
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May 4th, 2020

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626-599-3760

**Cc:**  
Dan Bane, CEO Trader Joe's  
Mitch Nadler, CFO Trader Joe's  
Kathryn Cahan, Senior VP, Trader Joe's  
Bob Langone, VP Operations, Trader Joe's

Eric Garcetti, Mayor of Los Angeles  
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Richard Tefank, Executive Director, LA Police Commission  
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To Robert Camarena:

On July 21st, 2018, the Los Angeles Police Department shot and killed Mely Corado, an employee at your store in the Silverlake neighborhood of Los Angeles. According to documents recently made available to the public, executives at Trader Joe's met with representatives of the LAPD on December 18, 2018, less than five months after Mely's death, and agreed to provide the police department with donations of food and beverages valued at \$125,000.

At the time of that meeting, the Los Angeles Police Commission had yet to even rule on whether the actions of the officers who killed Mely were "in policy." Nevertheless, your company saw fit to offer a sizable donation to the organization whose reckless actions resulted in the tragic and senseless death of a longtime employee. The decision to proceed with the donation is deeply disrespectful of Mely's memory, and constitutes a slap in the face to the still-grieving members of the Corado family. It sends the message that what the LAPD did that day was an excusable action. Trader Joe's should know better than to align themselves with an organization that killed one of their own. In the last few weeks Trader Joe's has been accused of not taking the proper precautions to protect their workers during the outbreak of COVID-19. They have allowed stores to stay open even after several employees across several stores contracted the virus. They are failing their employees during a crucial time and now they are failing Mely with this donation to those who killed her and who see her death not as a tragedy, but as something that was simply, "in policy."

Tomorrow, Tuesday, May 5th, the Police Commission will vote to approve or reject this \$125,000 donation. We demand that Trader Joe's rescind the donation today, before the Commission even has the opportunity to vote on it. We also demand that Trader Joe's stop offering financial support to the LAPD, arguably the most murderous police force in the country. Even though this is a material donation rather than a monetary one, the donation sends a clear message to communities in LA and beyond that Trader Joe's cares about neither their customers nor their employees; particularly those impacted by police violence.

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## POWER

This is a picture taken of Mely shortly before she was killed by the LAPD, and about 6 months before Trader Joe's agreed to give a donation to the LAPD.



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**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 8:52 AM  
**To:** Richard Tefank  
**Cc:** Eileen Decker  
**Subject:** Re: We Demand Trader Joe's Rescind \$125k Donation to the Killers of Employee Mely Corado

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As long as city attny says we can hear the donation agenda item, I'm good to go.

On May 4, 2020, at 8:37 AM, Richard Tefank <n3025@lapd.online> wrote:

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**From:** Richard Tefank  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 12:45 PM  
**To:** Eileen Decker; Shane Goldsmith; Dale Bonner; Steve Soboroff; Sandra Figueroa-Villa  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 1(B) Donation from Trader Joe's

Good Afternoon,

The Department has advised that they are requesting to remove from the agenda item 1(B), the donation from Trader Joe's.

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**From:** Steve Soboroff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, May 4, 2020 1:28 PM  
**To:** Richard Tefank  
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